

³⁰~~78~~ (New). A method according to claim ²⁵~~73~~, wherein the impurity is at least one selected from the group consisting of a trivalent impurity and a pentavalent impurity.

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³¹~~79~~ (New). A method according to claim ²⁵~~73~~, wherein said semiconductor film is irradiated with the laser light in an oxidizing atmosphere.

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 47-53. Applicants are also adding new Claims 56-79. A RCE is being filed herewith so that the Examiner may enter this amendment and consider these claims. Each of these claims is consistent with the Examiner's reasons for allowance of Claims 47-53 and allowed Claim 47. Accordingly, it is requested that these claims be entered and allowed.

In the Final Rejection, the Examiner rejects Claim 54 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite and rejects Claims 29-46, 54 and 55 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. In order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are canceling Claims 29-46, 54 and 55 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are allowable. Accordingly, it is requested that a Notice of Allowance now be issued in this application.

The fee for new claims has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Fee
Total	31	-	27	4	(small entity) x 9 (others) x 18	\$72.00
Independent	5	-	3	2	(small entity) x 42 (others) x 84	\$168.00
Multiple Dependent (First Presentation)					(small entity) + 140 (others) + 280	\$0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEES						\$ 240.00

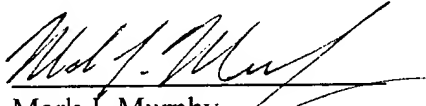
Applicants are enclosing the \$240.00 fee for the new claims and new independent claims with the RCE being submitted herewith.

As this Amendment is being filed on Monday, August 12, 2002, which is the first business day after the three month due date of August 10, 2002, no fee is believed necessary for an extension of time. If a petition for an extension of time is necessary, please consider this such a petition and charge our deposit account 50/1039 for the requisite fee.

If any further fee is due, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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